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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

M.S., a Minor, by and through his Parents and Natural
Guardians, MICHELLE M.S. and D.S.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY, FIRST
SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA, YORK-ADAMS
COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA and BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

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No.: 1:08-CV-2271

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF DEFENDANT, YORK-ADAMS AREA
COUNCIL, INC. (ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS YORK-ADAMS COUNCIL BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA), TO PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED CIVIL ACTION**

AND NOW comes Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), by its counsel Robert A. Lerman and Griffith, Strickler, Lerman, Solymos & Calkins and files the following Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action as follows:

1. Admitted upon information and belief.
2. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 2 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof demanded.
3. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 3 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof demanded.

4. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 4 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof demanded.

5. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 5 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof demanded.

6. Denied as stated. Admitted in part and denied in part. It is admitted but qualified to state that the York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) is a non-profit (non-stock) Pennsylvania domestic corporation with a registered office address of 2139 White Street, York, York County, Pennsylvania 17404. It is denied that this entity sued by Plaintiffs is currently registered in Pennsylvania as a "county orphan."

7. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 7 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action pertain to a Defendant other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 8 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action constitute a conclusion of law, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, it is admitted that Plaintiff' Amended Civil Action purports to state a cause of action against Answering Defendant based upon diversity of citizenship and matter in controversy.

9. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 9 constitute a conclusion of law, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, it is admitted that Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action alleges that Minor Plaintiff sustained certain harm while attending

the Cedar Bridge Military Summer Camp while on the premises of Camp Tuckahoe located in Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania and it is admitted that Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania is located within the geographical territory which constitutes the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. It is denied that Cedar Bridge Military Academy leased the entirety of the physical premises of which Camp Tuckahoe is comprised from York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America). On the contrary, it is averred that Cedar Bridge Military Academy leased a portion of the physical premises which constitutes Camp Tuckahoe from York-Adams Area Council, Inc. It is denied that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, owned any portion of the subject premises and it is denied that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, leased any portion of the subject premises to Defendant, Cedar Bridge Military Academy.

NATURE OF THE CASE

10. Admitted but qualified to state that the allegations of Paragraph No. 10 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action generally summarize the allegations of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla.

11. Admitted in part and denied in part. It is admitted but qualified to state that Plaintiffs have filed a civil action against York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Boy Scouts of America. It is further admitted that said Civil Action seeks monetary damages for alleged failure to inquire, review, evaluate or supervise the activities and treatment of campers by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, and for alleged failing to ensure Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, were insured pursuant to a Letter of Agreement

establishing camp use. By way of further answer, it is averred that the subject Letter of Agreement establishing camp use is a written document which speaks for itself. It is denied that Answering Defendant had a duty to inquire, review, evaluate or supervise the activities and treatment of campers by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, and it is further averred that Answering Defendant did not breach any such duty in the event it is determined that such duty was owed as alleged and strict proof thereof is demanded. It is denied that Answering Defendant had a duty to ensure that Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, were insured pursuant to the Letter of Agreement establishing camp use and it is denied that any such alleged duty was breached by Answering Defendant in the event it is determined that any such duty was owed. It is further averred that Plaintiffs were not in privity to any contractual agreements (verbal or written) between Answering Defendant and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, nor were Plaintiffs' third-party beneficiaries of any such contractual arrangements between Answering Defendant, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla.

12. Admitted in part and denied in part. It is admitted that the damages sought in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action against York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Boy Scouts of America are in the nature of compensatory damages only and it is denied that Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action seeks damages from York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Boy Scouts of America of a punitive nature. It is admitted that the damages sought by Plaintiffs against Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, are in the nature of both compensatory and punitive damages.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

13. Denied. It is denied that at all times relevant hereto Defendant, Cedar Bridge Military Academy, maintained and ran a four week residential teen camp in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania which was known as Camp Tuckahoe and owned by Defendant, Boy Scouts of America. On the contrary, it is averred that Defendant, Cedar Bridge Military Academy, leased a portion of the real property and certain improvements which comprised only a portion of premises known as Camp Tuckahoe owned by Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and further averred that Cedar Bridge Military Academy's lease of a portion of said premises was for a limited relevant time period of July 7, 2007, through August 3, 2007. It is denied that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, in any way owned or operated any portion of Camp Tuckahoe.

14. Admitted upon information and belief.

15. Denied as stated. On the contrary, it is averred that Defendant, Cedar Bridge Military Academy, leased a portion of the real property and certain improvements which comprised only a portion of premises known as Camp Tuckahoe owned by Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and further averred that Cedar Bridge Military Academy's lease of a portion of said premises was for a limited relevant time period of July 7, 2007, through August 3, 2007. It is denied that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, in any way owned or operated any portion of Camp Tuckahoe.

16. Denied. The Letter of Agreement (Exhibit A) attached to Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action is a written document which speaks for itself. By way of further answer, it is averred that the Letter of Agreement is between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-

Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy. By way of further response, it is also averred that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, is not a party to the Letter of Agreement.

17. Denied as stated. On the contrary, it is averred that the time of the execution of the Letter of Agreement, Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, provided Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), with the certificate of insurance as required under the Letter of Agreement.

18. Denied. The Letter of Agreement (Exhibit A) attached to Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action is a written document which speaks for itself. By way of further answer, it is averred that the Letter of Agreement is between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy. By way of further response, it is averred that Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, is not a party to the Letter of Agreement.

19. Denied as stated. On the contrary, it is averred that a Hold-Harmless Agreement for the relevant time period was executed by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, on December 12, 2006, intended by York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla to apply to the lease by Cedar Bridge Military Camp and Steven T. Baryla of a portion of Camp Tuckahoe from July 7, 2007, through August 3, 2007.

20. Denied as stated. On the contrary, it is averred that at all times relevant, Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of

America) acted by and through only their authorized agents, servants, workmen and/or employees. By way of further response, it is specifically denied that Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Steven T. Baryla and/or their agents, servants, workmen and/or employees, staff or counselors acted, at any time, as an agent, principal, employee, representative, workman, staff or counselor of York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America).

21. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 21 pertain to a Defendant other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

22. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 22 pertain to a Defendant other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

23. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 23 pertain to a Defendant other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

24. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 24 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded.

25. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 25 allege or infer, directly or indirectly, that Minor Plaintiff was physically assaulted by employees, staff, counselors, agents, servants, representatives, employees or workmen of York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), said allegations are specifically denied and strict proof thereof demanded. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 25 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action are directed to employees, staff, counselors or representatives of Cedar Bridge Military Academy or Steven T. Baryla, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as

alleged and same are denied.

26. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 26 pertain to Defendants other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

27. The allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 27 pertain to Defendants other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

28. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 28 constitute a conclusion of law, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, it is denied that Answering Defendant knew or should have known of the alleged deleterious, malicious and harmful conduct as described in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action being allegedly perpetrated by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, and their staff against Minor Plaintiff and strict proof thereof is hereby demanded.

29. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 29 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded.

30. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 30 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded.

31. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 31 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded.

32. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No.

32 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded.

COUNT I

**PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANTS, CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY
AND FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA**

Negligent Hiring, Supervision and Retention

33 - 37. The allegations set forth in Paragraph Nos. 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 pertain to Defendants other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), demands judgment in its favor and against the Plaintiffs, together with costs of suit and requests this Honorable Court grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II

**PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANTS, CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY
AND FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA**

Negligent Entrustment

38– 42. The allegations set forth in Paragraph Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 pertain to Defendants other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), demands judgment in its favor and against the Plaintiffs, together with costs of suit and requests this Honorable Court grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III

**PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANTS, CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY
AND FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA**

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

43 - 47. The allegations set forth in Paragraph Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 pertain to Defendants other than Answering Defendant and no response is required on behalf of Answering Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), demands judgment in its favor and against the Plaintiffs, together with costs of suit and requests this Honorable Court grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

COUNT IV

**PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT,
YORK-ADAMS AREA COUNCIL, INC. (ERREONOUSLY IDENTIFIED
AS YORK-ADAMS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA)**

Negligence

48. Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), incorporates herein by reference, as if fully set forth at length, its Answers to Paragraph Nos. 1 - 47 inclusive, as set forth hereinabove.

49. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 49 of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and same are denied and strict proof thereof is demanded. By way of further response, it is averred that in the event it is determined that Minor Plaintiff was

physically and emotionally abused as described in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action by individuals or representatives employed by or affiliated with Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Steven T. Baryla, it is denied that Answering Defendant either knew or should have known of the alleged physical and emotional abuse such that Answering Defendant cannot be held liable therefor and it is averred that Plaintiffs' sole remedy lies against Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Steven T. Baryla. By way of further answer, it is averred that to the extent it is determined that any duty was owed by Answering Defendant to Plaintiffs, said duty was fulfilled as required by law and strict proof to the contrary is hereby demanded.

50. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 50 constitute a conclusion of law, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, it is denied that Answering Defendant knew or should have known of the alleged deleterious, malicious and harmful conduct as described in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action being allegedly perpetrated by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, and their staff against Minor Plaintiff and strict proof thereof is hereby demanded.

51. Denied. It is denied that Answering Defendant owed any duty to Minor Plaintiff and it is further denied that Answering Defendant breached any duty to Minor Plaintiff determined to be owed. It is further denied that Answering Defendant was negligent in failing to deter, prevent, stop or otherwise monitor, review or evaluate the actions of Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, which resulted in the harm as aforementioned to Minor Plaintiff as alleged. By way of further answer, it is averred that to the extent it is determined that any duty was owed by Answering Defendant to Plaintiffs, said duty was fulfilled as required by law and strict proof to the contrary is hereby demanded.

52. Denied. It is denied that Answering Defendant was further negligent by failing to ensure that Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, were covered by a policy of liability insurance, for the relevant camping season, as required in the Letter of Agreement. By way of further answer, it is averred that the requirement to carry liability insurance pursuant to the Letter of Agreement was for the benefit of Answering Defendant and not Plaintiffs.

53. Denied. To the extent the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 53 constitute a conclusion of law, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, it is averred that Answering Defendant did not owe a duty to Plaintiffs nor did Answering Defendant breach such duty nor was Answering Defendant in any way negligent as described in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and Plaintiffs' sole remedy lies against Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Steven T. Baryla, whose conduct, acts and omissions were the proximate, direct, substantial, factual and sole cause of the injuries and damages Plaintiffs' claim.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), demands judgment in its favor and against the Plaintiffs, together with costs of suit and requests this Honorable Court grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

By way of further Answer, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), asserts the following:

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

54. Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action fails to state a cause of action against Answering

Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

55. No acts, omissions or conduct on the part of Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), caused or contributed to the injuries and damages Plaintiffs allege.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

56. Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action may be barred by any applicable statutes of limitation.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

57. Plaintiffs' injuries and damages, if any, were caused solely and directly as the result of acts or omissions of individuals or entities other than Answering Defendant over whom Answering Defendant had no responsibility or control.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

58. Plaintiffs' alleged injuries and damages, if any, were caused as the result of acts or omissions of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Steven T. Baryla over whom Answering Defendant had no responsibility or control.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

59. Plaintiffs' alleged injuries and damages, if any, were caused as the result of the alleged intentional acts, malicious acts, gross negligence and/or in reckless disregard for the Minor Plaintiff by Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Steven T. Baryla over whom Answering Defendant had no responsibility or control and for whose alleged intentional, malicious, grossly

negligent or recklessly negligent acts Answering Defendant cannot be held accountable or liable.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

60. Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by application of the Pennsylvania Comparative Negligence Act (42 Pa. C.S.A. §7102).

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

61. Plaintiffs may have failed to mitigate their alleged damages.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

62. No duty was owed by Answering Defendant to Plaintiffs.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

63. At all times relevant, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) was the titled owner of premises known as Camp Tuckahoe and leased only a portion of said premises of Camp Tuckahoe to Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla and Answering Defendant had no legal duty or responsibility to Plaintiffs to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

64. At no relevant time did Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), undertake any duties to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

TWELTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

65. At no relevant time did Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, own, operate, possess or

control the real property and the improvements thereon known as Camp Tuckahoe.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

66. At no relevant time did Answering Defendant, Boy Scouts of America have a legal duty or responsibility to Plaintiffs to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

67. At no time did York-Adams Area Council, Inc. have a legal duty or responsibility to Plaintiffs to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

68. At no relevant time did Boy Scouts of America undertake any duties to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

69. At no relevant time did York-Adams Council, Inc. undertake any duties to supervise, oversee, direct or in any way investigate the activities of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

70. At all times relevant, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) acted carefully, lawfully, properly and prudently fulfilling any duty determined to be owed under the law and at all times acting reasonably and with due care and diligence under the circumstances.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

71. Plaintiffs' injuries and damages, if any, were caused solely and directly as a result of alleged intentional and/or illegal conduct on the part of Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Steven T. Baryla.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

72. Plaintiffs have failed to establish that they suffered any injury or damage as a direct or indirect result of any acts or omissions on the part of Answering Defendant.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

73. Answering Defendant's conduct was, at all times relevant, careful, lawful, reasonable, prudent and proper under the circumstances.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

74. Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by the doctrines of waiver release and/or immunity from suit.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

75. Plaintiffs' claims against Answering Defendant for compensatory damages and attorneys' fees are without factual and legal foundation and merit and should be stricken.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

76. Any contractual duties owed by Answering Defendant were fully performed and fulfilled.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

77. Plaintiffs' action may be barred by the Statute of Frauds.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

78. Plaintiffs' action may be barred by the Doctrine of Estoppel.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

79. Plaintiffs' action may be barred by the Doctrine of Laches.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

80. Plaintiffs' action may be barred by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

81. There is no privity of any contract as between any of the Answering Defendant and Plaintiffs by virtue of the Letter of Agreement or Hold-Harmless Agreement executed between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

82. Plaintiffs are not third-party beneficiaries under any contract between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla including but not limited to the Letter of Agreement and/or Hold-Harmless Agreement between York York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

83. Minor Plaintiff's parents had a duty to inquire, review, evaluate and/or investigate the Cedar Bridge Military Academy and/or Stephen T. Baryla prior to enrolling Minor Plaintiff in the four week residential teen summer camp operated by Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy

and Stephen T. Baryla, and to the extent the allegations set forth in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action and in particular Paragraph Nos. 25, 26 and 27 are true, Plaintiffs, Michelle M.S. and D.S., breached their duty by failing to do so.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) demands judgment in its favor and against the Plaintiffs, together with costs of suit and requests this Honorable Court grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

CROSS-CLAIM

COUNT ONE – COMMON LAW CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNITY

YORK-ADAMS AREA COUNCIL, INC. (ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS YORK-ADAMS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA) V. CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY AND FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA

84. In the event of a finding of liability against Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), which liability is denied, Answering Defendant hereby asserts any and all claims which they may have against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, for common law contribution and indemnification and it is alleged that Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla are solely liable to the Plaintiffs, liable over to Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), and/or jointly and severally liable to Plaintiffs.

85. Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), has a common law right to contribution and indemnity from Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla,

upon the cause of action alleged in Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action in an amount to be determined by law.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), requests judgment in its favor and against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, for contribution and indemnity on the claims and causes of action alleged by Plaintiffs in their Amended Civil Action, together with costs of suit.

CROSS-CLAIM

COUNT TWO – CONTRACTUAL INDEMNITY

YORK-ADAMS AREA COUNCIL, INC. (ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS YORK-ADAMS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA) V. CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY AND FIRST SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA

86. Attached hereto and marked **Exhibit 1**, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference is a true and correct copy of the Letter of Agreement establishing camp use between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy for the relevant period in question.

87. Attached hereto and marked **Exhibit 2**, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference is a true and correct copy of the Hold-Harmless Agreement between York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla for the relevant period in question.

88. Pursuant to the Letter of Agreement establishing camp use (Exhibit 1) and the Hold-Harmless Agreement (Exhibit 2), Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla, agreed to obtain liability insurance with coverage of a minimum of \$1 million combined

single limit naming York-Adams Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, as additional insureds by June 1, 2007, to cover the period of time that Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla leased a portion of Camp Tuckahoe; *i.e.*, from July 7, 2007, through August 3, 2007.

89. Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla breached its contract (Letter of Agreement establishing camp use – Exhibit 1) by failing to procure the required liability insurance naming York-Adams Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America and the National Council Boy Scouts of America as additional insureds.

90. Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla are contractually required to indemnify, hold free and harmless, assume liability for and defend York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and the National Council Boy Scouts of America, their chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers and directors, from any and all claims, liability, costs and expenses, and including but not limited to attorneys' fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and any sums Answering Defendant may pay or become obligated to pay as a result of Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action pursuant to the contractual terms of the Hold-Harmless Agreement (Exhibit 2).

91. In the event of a finding of any liability against York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and/or the National Council Boy Scouts of America, which liability is denied, said Answering Defendant asserts any and all claims, contractual or common law, it may have against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla, for breach of the Letter of Agreement establishing camp use (Exhibit 1) and pursuant to the Hold-Harmless Agreement (Exhibit 2) as well as for common law claims of

contribution and/or indemnification as permitted under Pennsylvania law.

92. In the event of a finding of liability against York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America) and/or the National Council Boy Scouts of America, which liability is denied, Answering Defendant hereby asserts any and all claims which it may have against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla, inasmuch as Cedar Bridge Military Academy and Stephen T. Baryla are solely liable to the Plaintiffs, liable over to Answering Defendant and/or jointly or severally liable to the Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Answering Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), requests judgment in its favor and against Defendants, Cedar Bridge Military Academy and First Sergeant Steven T. Baryla, for contractual indemnity and/or for common law contribution and indemnity on the claims and causes of action alleged by Plaintiffs in their Amended Civil Action, together with costs of suit.

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Dated: March 31, 2010

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING CAMP USE

This letter of agreement is for the purpose of establishing the use of Camp Tuckahoe, by Cedar Bridge Military Academy (hereafter called "the group").

1. "The group" is to have use of the following facilities: Maple Lodge, Fort Lodge, Castle Lodge, and Cub World Pavilion for all meals. It is further understood that all other camp facilities will be at option of the Camp Director.
From July 7, 2007, beginning at 9:00 am, until August 3, 2007 ending at 9pm
2. The York-Adams Area Council requires the following documents and the group agrees to provide the York-Adams Area Council with the following documents in advance of the scheduled use:
 - a. A **Certificate of Liability Insurance** with a minimum of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit with the York-Adams Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, **named as additional insured by June 1, 2007.**
 - b. Return of the **Hold-Harmless Agreement** attached to this agreement.
 - c. A **Roster** showing the names of all youth and adults participating in this activity due at check-in.
 - d. Copies of **Certifications of training** of Waterfront and Field shooting Sports Staff, if those facilities are to be used.
 - e. Provide a detailed copy of program schedule activities. It is understood that all activities are subject to the approval of the Camp Director
3. Terms: It is understood and agreed to by both parties that the fees for Camp Tuckahoe to provide facilities and food is \$150.00 per person per week. If additional participants meals and lodging is provided. It is understood that Cedar Bridge will guarantee and be responsible to pay for a minimum total of 240 camper weeks x \$ 150.00 = \$36,000.00 minimum guarantee payment to York-Adams Area Council, BSA.

Example Projected Campers per week

Week 1 and 4 = 20 campers per week

Week 2 and 3 = 100 campers per week

Total 240 Camper weeks x \$150.00 = \$36, 000.00

Meals provided by the camp will start each week with Sunday Supper and end with Saturday Continental Breakfast. All meals will be placed in steams pan, and served with disposable products. It is understood Cedar Bridge is responsible for the operation of there own dinning operation including, setup , pick up of meals at Dining Hall , serving of food , empty trash and return steam pans to Dining Hall for all their meals. It is understood that Cedar Bridge will be responsible for all meals service from Saturday lunch to Sunday Supper.

4. It is understood and agreed to by both parties that a non refundable camp payment of \$ 3,000.00 is required to be paid when this agreement is signed and returned. A second payment non refundable camp payment of \$10,000.00 is due on June 1, 2007 and the balance is due at check in July 7, 2007.
5. It is understood and agreed to by both parties that "the group" shall be responsible for any and all damages to camp property which may be reasonably attributed to the actions of the group and that the group agrees to promptly pay any and all reasonable damage claims when presented and will be subtracted from the

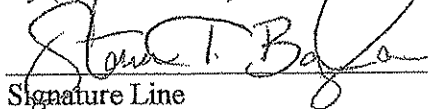
security deposit. The groups must maintain a security deposit of \$1,000 that will be returned at the end of the contract period minus any damages or cleaning charges.

6. It is understood and agreed to by both parties that no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind are permitted on the premises.
7. It is understood and agreed to by both parties that the group will provide at least two (2) adult leaders (defined as 21 years of age or older for purposes herein) with a least one adult for every ten (10) members in camp below the age of 21 years; that at least two of the said adult leaders must be present with the group at all times while the group remains on YAAC property. Coed leadership is required for coed groups.
8. It is understood and agreed to by both parties that the group will abide by any and all of the camp operating rules and, laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the Federal Government as they may apply. It is further understood that directions and instructions given by the Camp Director or any other employee of the York-Adams Area Council will be obeyed.
9. It is further understood and agreed to by both parties that should the group fail to provide proper leadership or fail to abide by the rules and regulations or directions of the employees of the York-Adams Area Council, the group will cause the immediate termination of this agreement and be required to vacate the property forfeiting any and all fees agreed to herein.
10. It is understood that all vehicle traffic will be very limited and all vehicles brought into the camp must be approved by the Camp Director. Camp Tuckahoe is not responsible for any medical needs of Cedar Bridge program.

Cedar Bridge Military Academy

Steven T. Baryla

By (Printed Name)



Signature Line

President/Founder

Title

12/12/2006

Date

York-Adams Area Council, BSA

Todd A Weidner

By

Signature Line

Program Director

Title

Date

YORK-ADAMS AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Cedar Bridge Academy shall indemnify, hold free and harmless, assume liability for, and defend the Boy Scouts of America, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, and directors from any and all costs and expenses including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs, and other sums which the Boy Scouts of America, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, and directors may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every demand for claim or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of ___ Cedar Bridge Academy use of real or personal property belonging to the Boy Scouts of America, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, and directors, or by any action or omission by Cedar Bridge Academy, its members, agents, servants, employees, officers, or directors.

Property and period to be used: Camp Tuckahoe from ___ July 9, 2006 ___, until ___ July 29, 2006 ___.

Cedar Bridge Military Academy

Steven T. Baryla _____

Signature Line

President/Founder _____

Title

12/12/2006 _____

Date

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

M.S., a Minor, by and through his Parents and Natural	:	
Guardians, MICHELLE M.S. and D.S.,	:	
Plaintiffs,	:	
vs.	:	No.: 1:08-CV-2271
	:	
CEDAR BRIDGE MILITARY ACADEMY, FIRST	:	
SERGEANT STEVEN T. BARYLA, YORK-ADAMS	:	
COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA and BOY	:	
SCOUTS OF AMERICA,	:	
Defendants.	:	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

AND NOW, this 31st day of March, 2010, I, Robert A. Lerman, a member of the firm of GRIFFITH, STRICKLER, LERMAN, SOLYMOS & CALKINS, hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the **Answer and Affirmative Defenses of Defendant, York-Adams Area Council, Inc. (erroneously identified as York-Adams Council Boy Scouts of America), to Plaintiffs' Amended Civil Action** by United States Mail, addressed to the party or attorney of record as follows:

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